

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed June 2, 2006, the Examiner has required that the Applicants elect one of seven patentably distinct claim groups:

Group I (Claims 1-3);

Group II (Claims 4 and 5);

Group III (Claim 6);

Group IV (Claim 7);

Group V (Claim 8);

Group VI (Claim 9); and

Group VII (Claim 10).

I. Election

As required under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group II (claims 4 and 5) on the merits. The elected claims are therefore claims 4, 5, and newly-added dependent claims 11-13. The Applicants further expressly reserve the right to prosecute the nonelected groups in one or more subsequent divisional or continuation applications.

II. Amendments to Specification

The Specification has been amended to list the Application Serial Number and filing date of the co-pending application referred to in the Specification. No new matter is added by this amendment. Entry of this amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

III. Amendments to Claims

Claim 5 is amended. New dependent claims 11-13 are added. Support for the amendment to claim 5 and new claim 11 is found at least at paragraphs [0030] and [0134]-[0136], Figs. 14 A and 14B, and original claim 5. Support for new claim 12 is found at least at paragraphs [0022]-[0023] and [0121]-[0122], in Fig. 10, and in original claim 6. Support for new claim 13 is found at least at paragraphs [0026]-[0027] and [0125]-[0130], in Figs. 11A-B and 12A-B, and in original claim 7. No new matter is added by the amendment or new claims. Entry of the amendment and new claims is therefore respectfully requested.

IV. Change of Correspondence Address and Power of Attorney

The correspondence address and Power of Attorney for this application has been changed to the following (Customer Number 26242):

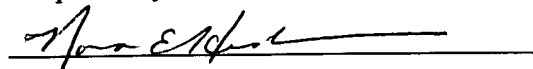
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V. Conclusion

Group II has been elected for prosecution on the merits. New dependent claims 11-13 have been added for prosecution with Group II. No fee is due for these new claims, there being 13 claims, 8 of which are independent, in the application after the addition of claims 11-13. The Specification has been amended to include the Serial Number and filing date of the co-pending application. Should there remain any unresolved issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Norma E. Henderson, Applicant's Attorney, at 603-437-4400, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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